

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Masakazu Nishida et al.

Appln. No.: 10/810,500

Filed: March 26, 2004

For: A METHOD FOR MANAGING
DATA SHARING AMONG
APPLICATION PROGRAMS

Attorney Docket No: 9683/175

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Art Unit: 2661

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following references:

U.S. Patent Documents

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
2003/0236867 A1	Dec. 25, 2003	Natsuno et al.

Foreign Patent Documents

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
JP H10-083310	Mar. 31, 1998	JPO
WO2002/093361	Nov. 21, 2002	JPO
JP 2002-116838	Apr. 19, 2002	JPO
JP 2002-514326	May 14, 2002	JPO

Other Art

Windows Start-Windows can be completely understood on a subject basis,
JAPAN, Mainichi Communication Inc., Mar. 29, 2002
Japanese Office Action mailed April 25, 2006

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). References D2-D6 were cited in an Office Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application. A

copy of the Japanese Office Action, along with its English translation, is attached to this Statement as Reference D7. References D2-D6 are in Japanese. Applicant is submitting an English abstract for each of References D2 and D6. For Reference D3, Applicant is disclosing Reference D1, which is the counterpart U.S. patent thereof. For Reference D4, please refer to Reference B1, U.S. 2002/002703, which was submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement dated March 25, 2005. For Reference D5, please refer to Reference B3, WO 98/21683, submitted with the same Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

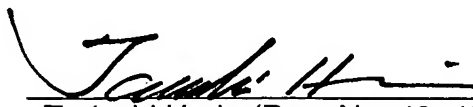
Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

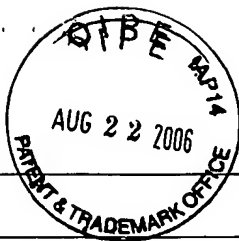
Respectfully submitted,

August 18, 2006

Date

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. Box 10395
Chicago, IL 60610
(312) 321-4200


Tadashi Horie (Reg. No. 40, 437)



FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 10/810,500	CASE NO. 9683-175
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE March 26, 2004	GROUP ART UNIT 2661
(use several sheets if necessary)	APPLICANT(S): M. Nishida et al.	

REFERENCE DESIGNATION**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLAS S	FILING DATE
	D1	2003/0236867 A1	12/25/2003	Natsuno et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLAS S	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	D2	JP H10-083310	03/31/1998	JPO		Abstract
	D3	WO 2002/093361	11/21/2002	JPO		2003/0236867
	D4	JP 2002-116838	04/19/2002	JPO		2002/0002703
	D5	JP 2002-514326	05/14/2002	JPO		WO98/21683

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>					
	D6	Windows Start-Windows can be completely understood on a subject basis, JAPAN, Mainichi Communication Inc., Mar. 29, 2002				
	D7	Japanese Office Action mailed April 25, 2006				

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

ITW



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date:
 Date: August 18, 2006 Name: Tadashi Horie, Registration No. 40,437 Signature: Tadashi Horie

**BRINKS
HOFFER
GILSON
& LIONE**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: **Masakazu Nishida et al.**

Appln. No.: **10/810,500**

Filed: **March 26, 2004**

For: **A METHOD FOR MANAGING DATA SHARING AMONG APPLICATION PROGRAMS**

Attorney Docket No: **9683/175**

Examiner: **To Be Assigned**

Art Unit: **2661**

Mail Stop IDS
 Commissioner for Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO 1449; 6 Cited References including Japanese Office Action (D2-D7)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

August 18, 2006
 Date

Tadashi Horie
 Tadashi Horie (Reg. No. 40,437)